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## IMPORTANT DATES

- \* **Friday, April 9, 2004**  
Good Friday
- \* **Sunday, April 11, 2004**  
Easter Sunday
- \* **Wednesday, May 5, 2004**  
Chief Officers' Workshop  
Pearl Country Club  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- \* **Sunday May 9, 2004**  
Mother's Day
- \* **Monday, May 31, 2004**  
Memorial Day
- \* **Friday, June 11, 2004**  
Kamehameha Day
- \* **Friday, June 18, 2004**  
HFD Retirees Association  
Quarterly Meeting  
Training Center  
9:30a.m.
- \* **Sunday, June 20, 2004**  
Father's Day

## Joseph "Danny" Villiaros March 16, 1964 - January 31, 2004

Danny Villiaros started with the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) in June of 1998. Like everyone else, he took the extremely competitive entrance exam, was placed on the eligibility list, took the physical exam, agility test, and went through the interview process. I remember him in recruit class assisting other peers in the medical training section. Danny also assisted in teaching other recruit classes, Basic Life Support instructors, and Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support providers. At medical calls, Danny was well respected by the EMS responders as he worked in EMS for 10 years prior to attending Fire Recruit Training. An accomplished City medic, he saw the rewards of being a fire fighter and was proud to be in the HFD.

Station 38, 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon is a tightly knit group of individuals with different strengths and weaknesses. Like in most firehouses around the world, fire fighters are brothers and sisters, always keeping each other honest. Station 38 is no different and the day-to-day rhetoric keeps us on our toes. Danny got his share and dished it just the same. Most of his career was at this station, and we knew him well. He confided in us and we confided in him. We knew he had our backs when the situation got hairy. As a Captain, I could depend on him to defuse any situation. This reliance on our crew is essential. Danny had a certain confidence about him, so much so that periodic checks were necessary to ensure that this was not overconfidence.

The HFD was his base even though he had many other jobs. He worked on all the neighbor islands for American Medical Response, as a movie medic in "Pearl Harbor", "Wind Talkers",



Danny received the Bronze Medal of Valor and a Certificate of Commendation for single-handedly disarming a patient with a handgun and then, with the assistance of others, he subdued the patient until HPD arrived.

"Bay Watch", "Tears of the Sun", and other films, as a flight medic for Hawaii Air Ambulance, and as a surf instructor for the Hawaiian Fire Surf Company. Danny would try to work recall and swapped shifts with guys on the other watches regularly. He owned a house in Mililani Mauka and was renovating a condo for resale. Although he worked many hours outside of his primary job as a fire fighter he never would complain or neglect his duties around the station.

The tragic event is still hard to fathom. I was particularly impressed by the number of uniformed personnel who attended Danny's funeral. At the time of the search, Chief Leonardi and Battalion Chief Neves went to the hangar to give support, assistance, and to communicate with the Hawaii County Fire Department (HCFD). Chief Leonardi and Deputy Chief Clark stayed in close contact with the Villiaros family, and reassured them that everything that

could be done was being done. Chief Clark and Assistant Chief Tomita flew to the Big Island to represent the Department at a ceremony near the crash site. Assistant Chief Wassman and Battalion Chief Tommy Perkins flew to the Big Island and assisted the Villiaros family to bring Danny home. We're thankful for the Civil Air Patrol, Coast Guard, and HCFD for finding Danny and bringing closure to the event. The peer volunteers on the Critical Incident Stress Management team again did a great job.

In a job where doom and gloom are inherent, things like this are different as they hit home. As a Captain, I never thought I would have to bury one of my guys. The reality makes you appreciate the things that you may take for granted.

Aloha,  
Dave Takehara





**PRIDE, SERVICE,  
DEDICATION**

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### Mission Statement

The mission of the Honolulu Fire Department is to respond to fires, emergency medical incidents, hazardous materials incidents, and rescues on land and sea to save lives, property, and the environment. We accomplish this mission by:

- Promoting safety and maintaining a well equipped, highly trained, and motivated force of professional fire fighters and rescue personnel.
- Promoting fire prevention and other public safety education programs.

### Vision Statement

The Honolulu Fire Department will continuously strive to meet the changing needs of our community by providing a modern and technologically advanced department. We will do this by maintaining a high level of readiness and by focusing on the professional development and training of all our personnel.

## FROM THE FIRE CHIEF ...

**I**t is no secret that the City is going through a financially tough period so, as managers, it is necessary for us to explore various financial avenues to assist the City in obtaining the necessary equipment for our Department. In the aftermath of 9-11, there has been a surge in grant opportunities for public safety agencies to seek additional funding for homeland security equipment and services.



Our Planning and Development section was tasked with grant procurement and during the past year great progress was made, especially in the area of equipment purchase. A "special assignment" position was created to facilitate and coordinate the entire grant process. Existing grants were restructured, and we also started to actively pursue new grants.

We were extremely successful in our pursuit of several grants, and I am pleased to report that we have received over \$4 million in grant funding, which will allow us to purchase essential equipment and replace outdated technology. The Department will be purchasing two state-of-the-art rescue apparatuses; a live burn mobile trailer; hazmat detection, rescue, and

SCBA equipment; nozzles and hoses; a second set of turnouts for personnel; diesel filtration system for all fire apparatuses; etc.

A lot of time was expended in coordinating, procuring, and administering these grants. Our Department will soon reap the benefits of these efforts, and I want to thank all those involved in this major undertaking to ensure that our personnel are properly equipped to perform their duties in a safe and professional manner.

On a separate note, I also want to thank the volunteers that participated in the Hat's Off to Red Cross Day on March 5 and 6, 2004. It was a worthwhile effort to extend our appreciation to the American Red Cross for their assistance and support of the Honolulu Fire Department. As always, our personnel have demonstrated

**PRIDE, SERVICE,  
DEDICATION!**



Photo courtesy of William Melemai III

The HFD honored its 2003 retirees on March 5, 2004 at the Dole Ballrooms at Cannery Square. The HFD along with Friends of the Firehouse, HFD Welfare Fund, and the Hawaii Fire Fighters Association sponsored the event. A big mahalo goes out to our newest retirees for their accomplishments, hard work, dedication, and loyalty to the Department. ALOHA AND BEST WISHES!



# "AT SCENE, IN COMMAND"

CAPTAIN JERRY SPENCER

**This is Fire Captain Jerry Spencer's fourth article in a series of interviews of the Executive Staff of the Honolulu Fire Department. The purpose of his project is to acquaint readers with the Chief Officers that guide the HFD.**

**HAN:** Chief Tomita, can you give a brief history of where you grew up and the schools that you attended.

**F4:** I grew up in Kapahulu on Castle Street. It was a good place to grow up and Waikiki Beach and Paki Park were nearby. I attended Jefferson Elementary and then moved on to Kaimuki Intermediate. I graduated from Kaimuki High School in 1967, took a leave of absence from school, and joined the National Guard.

Later, I attended the University of Hawaii and graduated in 1972 with a degree in Business Administration majoring in business analysis and statistics. I attended one semester of graduate school and then worked at several jobs including HMSA in their personnel department.

**HAN:** What made you decide to enter the fire department?

**F4:** Captain Clarence Kekina had influenced many of us to take the exam. It seemed very exciting and when the opportunity arose I took the exam and was accepted into the Department in June of 1975.

**HAN:** You and I were stationed together at Waikiki Station. Was that your first assignment?

**F4:** Central Station was my first assignment and retired Fire Chief Donald Chang was my first Captain. I was reassigned to Ladder 7, 2nd Platoon four months later under Captain Buddy Akau. In 1980, I was promoted to Fire Fighter III

with my first assignment at Ladder 29, 2nd platoon. From there, I rotated between the engine and ladder at Station 7 before being promoted to Captain in 1988 and assigned to Pawaa on the 3rd platoon.



In early 1990, I became an intern Captain in the Administrative Services Bureau. Eventually I returned to the field and worked at Station 7, 3rd watch. I was promoted to Battalion Chief in 1994, and I spent the next three years at Administrative Services. I returned to the field for one year at Battalion 2, 1st platoon and was then promoted to Assistant Chief in 1998. Again, I was reassigned to Administrative Services where I have been ever since.

**HAN:** What has been the most memorable event in your career?

**F4:** For me, it was the Woolworth fire. There was so much manpower involved and it was difficult to reach the seat of the fire. It took almost 36 hours to extinguish that fire and several days

to do overhaul and salvage. That fire displaced a lot of people and had a huge economical impact on those involved.

I was also at the Peter Crown incident as part of incident command assigned to logistics. It was a very sensitive event between the police and fire at that time; lots of emotion involved.

**HAN:** What legacy would you like to leave the Department?

**Fire 4:** One thing I'd like to leave behind is that I did my job and I did it well. I've always believed that if you want to make a difference you have to be in that position to make a difference. My philosophy is that we are team oriented and like a family. We are here to do the best that we can. I hope that I leave a system in place that someone else can use and improve.

**HAN:** If there were a message you would want to convey to the men and women of the HFD, what would that be?

**Fire 4:** I would say to know your commitment, values, and beliefs for yourself, your family, and your occupation. If you feel that the position you are in will make a difference then that is important. It is never too late to make a difference. This is more than a job, it's a commitment. Support your Department and give back the best you can.

**End of interview.**





## RECIPE

Quail Ridge Press (Brandon, MS), who publishes compilations of recipes from across the country, will be releasing a cookbook entitled "Best of the Best from Hawaii Cookbook: Selected Recipes from Hawaii's Favorite Cookbooks."

Congratulations to Fire Chief Attilio Leonardi, Fire Fighter II's Geoffrey Shon, Ricci Naone, and Brian Derby whose recipes in "Hawaii's Favorite Firehouse Recipes" (FilmWorks Press) were chosen to represent Hawaii's fire departments in this nationally distributed cookbook.

### Quick and Simple Spaghetti with Clam Sauce

Attilio K. Leonardi

2 small cans chopped clams  
1 round onion (medium size), chopped  
1 clove garlic  
2 (8 oz.) cans of diced tomatoes  
1 (4 oz.) can of tomato sauce  
1 can of tomato paste  
1 level tsp. parsley flakes  
1/8 tsp. oregano  
1 tsp. basil  
1 cup red wine  
1 tsp. sugar  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Olive oil  
Pasta of your choice - macaroni, spaghetti, rigatoni.  
You can also add zucchini or bell peppers to jazz it up.

Sauté garlic and onion in olive oil. Add diced tomatoes and bring to a boil. Add clams with the liquid from one can only. Add tomato sauce and stir in tomato paste to thicken. Add seasonings and wine; bring to a boil and simmer for 20 minutes. Pour over pasta and serve with French bread and wine. Bon appetit!

# TRAINING BUREAU

## BATTALION CHIEF LIONEL CAMARA

It was almost a year ago that I wrote a letter about the changing of personnel at the HFD Training and Research Bureau (TRB). Sadly, one year later the TRB is losing six more personnel to Operations. While there is great sadness with the loss of such a multi-talented and cohesive group, they have left such a positive impression on this Bureau that they won't be forgotten for years to come. They leave behind memories of the fun and laughter that was experienced by all!

This past year was one heck of a wild ride, as the TRB did things that others said couldn't be done. A prime example of this was the Christmas display challenge from Assistant Chief Wassman. I remember all of us looking at this massive training tower that basically looked like an old bombed out building straight out of downtown Baghdad! I remember thinking, "We don't have a snowball in hell's chance of put-

ting up a decent display, worse yet trying to win this contest." I also remember the gang looking at it and shaking their heads, but no one thought of giving up.

Because of the willpower and teamwork of our TRB family, we not only put up a decent display, we ended up with a first place finish for the contest! Following the win, the Fire Chief commented that if not for the efforts and hard work of the TRB personnel, the tower would have never been painted! Even the public commented that the tower looked like a new building rather than the eyesore they remembered it to be.

While I could go on and on with numerous examples, such as how the TRB personnel built the slab for the LPG tank or developed the Rehab Team so that personnel in the field would get hydration and re-

freshments while working on the fire line at brush fires, it still would only be a small portion of what they really accomplished.

In the end, it was efforts like the aforementioned examples that really raised the "bar" for the TRB and brought us together as a family. For this I would like to thank each and every one of you for your commitment and support. You will all be sorely missed as we face the ever-growing demands that are being placed on this bureau. We who are left behind can only hope that our new team members will be able to maintain the "bar" that you folks have set!

Thanks again for everything and may God bless all of you as you continue to answer the call with Pride, Service, and Dedication!

## LAST ALARM

### Fire Fighter I Elmer K. Punohu

January 6, 2004

Appointed November 16, 1947 - 29 years  
Last Assignment - Chief's Driver

### Fire Fighter I Henry K. Kaalekahi

January 13, 2004

Appointed April 10, 1946 - 12 years  
Last Assignment - Station 29

### Fire Fiscal Officer Frank Nobrega

January 18, 2004

Appointed April 1, 1942 - 19 years

### Fire Fighter I Julius K. Lewis

January 30, 2004

Appointed May 16, 1957 - 25 years  
Last Assignment - Fireboat

### Fire Captain Tsugio Sakai

January 31, 2004

Appointed April 8, 1957 - 24 years  
Last Assignment - Fireboat

### Fire Fighter I Joseph Daniel Villiaros

January 31, 2004

Appointed June 15, 1998 - 5 years  
Last Assignment - Station 38

### Fire Engineer Owen F. Franco

February 26, 2004

Appointed July 1, 1960 - 26 years  
Last Assignment - Station 27

### Fire Fighter III Thomas K. Akana

March 8, 2004

Appointed June 16, 1968 - 25 years  
Last Assignment - Ladder 2

### Fire Fighter I Kenneth K. Hewett

March 28, 2004

Appointed September 11, 1951 - 31 years  
Last Assignment - Station 20

ALOHA



## ***"THIS IS CONTROL" FIRE COMMUNICATION CENTER***

BATTALION CHIEF EDWARD SIMEONA

### **911 CALLS:**

The recent floods and high winds put quite a strain on the HFD's resources. On Friday, January 2, calls came in continuously from 3 a.m. to 8 p.m. FCC answered over 200 calls and initiated alarms for people with flooded conditions. This was in addition to the regular medical and fire responses during that same time period.

On Wednesday, January 14, between the hours of 12 noon and 10 p.m., FCC

again answered over 200 calls, this time for blown roofs, fallen electrical wires, and various other wind-related emergencies. HFD went above and beyond during these ten hours and gave quality service to the public. Our fire fighters showed their pride, service, and dedication while being soaked to the skin and continued to work diligently late into the night.

### **FCC PERSONNEL:**

FF3 Jeff Tilley was appointed to the HFD on July 1, 1981, and was promoted to the FCC as a FF2 on April 20, 1997. On February 22, 1998, he was promoted to FF3 and has remained at the FCC as an

integral part of the bureau ever since. Jeff donated his Time and cabinet-making talents to create an exceptional desk and bookshelf for the FCC Battalion Chief's Office. Jeff and his wife Cathy live in Kailua with their two children.

Jeff Tilley at his console at FCC - located in the basement of the Honolulu Municipal Building; also known as the "Dungeon."



## **BURN PAN MODULE**

Fire Operations has been conducting drills and training with the new car prop fabricated by Steven Nakasone of our Mechanic Shop. The burn pan for the prop, which was purchased with Federal grant funds and uses propane gas to simulate automobile fires, was also used during recruit certification testing. A big mahalo to Steven for his fabrication work on this and other Departmental projects.



## **NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS**

The Hale Ahi News has come a long way since our first edition in December of 2002. With this, our sixth edition, we are asking for volunteers to take it even further. We currently publish and distribute about 1,800 copies per issue to all active and retired employees of the Department as well as selected City Agencies. We are seeking individuals with various skills to assist in the layout and formatting, interviewing, research, writing and submittal of ideas for articles, photography, computer skills, and web design to name a few. Volunteers may submit their names and area of interest to AC Wayne Nojiri at [wnojiri@co.honolulu.hi.us](mailto:wnojiri@co.honolulu.hi.us); BC Eric Adams at [eadams@co.honolulu.hi.us](mailto:eadams@co.honolulu.hi.us); or Julie Ono at [jono@co.honolulu.hi.us](mailto:jono@co.honolulu.hi.us). Please assist us as we strive to provide quality, newsworthy articles for your enjoyment.



# The Executive Fire Officer Program

Assistant Chief Alvin Tomita

**T**he Executive Fire Officer Program (EFOP) is an initiative of the United States Fire Administration/National Fire Academy to provide senior officers and others in key leadership roles with an understanding of being proactive rather than reactive with an emphasis on leadership development, prevention, and risk reduction. This program enhances executive-level knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to transform fire and emergency services to reflect the diversity of America's communities, conduct research and understand its value pertaining to the fire profession, and engage in lifelong learning.

The EFOP requires the completion of four graduate and upper division baccalaureate equivalent courses over a four-year period and the completion of an Applied Research Project within six months after the completion of each of the four courses, which relate to their organization. Individuals failing to pass this research project will be expelled from the program.

Being promoted to Assistant Fire Chief in May of 1998, I wanted to enhance my education, improve my research abilities and leadership skills, as well as broaden my knowledge of other Departments and their personnel. With the acceptance of my application, I began the program during the summer of 1999. I successfully completed the EFOP when my final Applied Research Project received a passing grade in the spring of 2003. This program has fulfilled and surpassed all of my expectations.

Attending the National Fire Academy and the EFOP has given me the opportunity to assist in the administration of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program by reviewing grant applications. I have made numerous friends and established a network of contacts that provide invaluable information, opinions, and resources. I have learned that all fire departments are faced with similar problems no matter what size they are.

I would highly recommend that aspiring or proactive personnel apply for acceptance to attend the Executive Fire Officer Program.

**Assistant Chief Alvin Tomita receiving his Executive Fire Officer Certificate alongside Fire Chief Attilio Leonardi and Deputy Fire Chief John Clark.**





# CELTIC PIPES & DRUMS OF HAWAII

**T**he Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawaii, led by Pipe Major Dan Quinn and Drum Major Kevin Richards, was formed in 1985 and is the oldest pipe and drum corps in the State of Hawaii. Representing the Honolulu Police and Honolulu Fire Departments at many ceremonies, they also perform at more than 60 events throughout the year. One of the special features of the band is the symbolic military attire of the members in the "Black Watch Tartan" kilt, which is representative of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Royal Highland Regiment.

On March 5, 2004, at the HFD 2003 Retirees' Dinner, the band dedicated a song entitled "Honolulu Fire Brigade" to the Honolulu Fire Department. Band member, Alan Miyamura, who as a youngster growing up in Kalihi, always admired the fire fighters with their shiny red truck and clanging bells, wrote the tune.

The music, which came to him after the events of 9-11, was penned in inspiration and dedicated to the HFD with sincere admiration and aloha. Here are the words written by band member Tina Berger and translated into Hawaiian by Hardy Spoehr and Kawika Napoleon.



Photo courtesy of William Melemai III

O we are the Honolulu Fire Brigade  
We serve with honor and pride  
O we are the Honolulu Fire Brigade  
We're always by your side

Though we face much danger near and far  
Our courage never fails  
We stand tall in duty, honor, and pride  
The Honolulu Fire Brigade

From the mountain peaks and valleys green  
To our blue Pacific shores  
We are ready at a moments call  
To stand at danger's door

With Prince Albert, Cartwright, and the Ali'i  
All standing by our side  
Pride and service with dedication  
The Honolulu Fire Brigade

Our story is finished  
We're always at your side  
Our story is finished  
The Honolulu Fire Brigade

'Oihana Kinai Ahi Honolulu mākou  
E lawe mākou me hano e keha  
'Oihana Kinai Ahi Honolulu mākou  
E mālama pono mākou 'ia 'oe.

Maka 'u loa ka hana mākou  
Wiwo'ole mākou mau loa  
Kū no mākou e pono e hano e keha  
'Oihana Kinai Ahi Honolulu

Mai nā kuaola e nā 'oawa uliuli  
O nā kapa kai nui 'o Pākīpika  
I kū mākou nā manawa apau loa  
Ma ka mea pō 'ino mai

E Kauikeaouli e Kakalaiki e nā Ali'i  
Hele pu 'ia mākou  
Keha e hananui me ho'ola'a 'ana  
'Oihana Kinai Ahi Honolulu

Ha'ina mai ana ka puana  
E mālama pono mākou 'ia'oe  
Ha'ina mai ana ka puana  
'Oihana Kinai Ahi Honolulu



## RETIREES' REALM

### HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT'S RETIREE'S ASSOCIATION

The members of the HFD Retirees Association extend their best wishes and congratulations to all new retirees and welcome them to join fellow retirees as new members of the HFD Retirees Association.

**Retirees' Meeting Update:** The HFD Retirees Association meetings are held quarterly at the HFD Training Center. The meetings for 2004 are scheduled as follows: March 12, June 18, September 10, and December 10 at 9:30 a.m. Photo IDs for association members will be taken at the June 18 meeting.

All members and new retirees and their spouses are welcome to attend the meetings to receive updated information and socialize with fellow fire fighters. Annual dues are \$5.

#### Employer-Union Trust

**Fund:** The latest retirement benefit information is available in the new February 2004 Retirement Benefit Information Booklet for State and County Employees. You may request the booklet from the EUTF office.

#### 1. Call:

Oahu: 586-7390 or  
Toll Free: 1-800-295-0089.

#### 2. Mail:

EUTF  
P.O. Box 2121  
Honolulu, Hawaii  
96805-2121

#### 3. Email:

eutf@hawaii.gov or  
the Website: www.  
eutf.hawaii.gov

#### 4. Office Location:

201 Merchant Street  
City Finance Tower  
Suite #1520  
Honolulu, Hawai'i  
96813

#### HFD Retirees Association

**Shirt:** Contact retired Fire Chief Donald Chang at (808) 487-8862.

**Medicare Plan "B":** Retirees who reach the age of 65

are reminded that they must enroll in the Medicare Plan B. The premium cost for 2004 is \$66.60 per month. For more info, check the website: [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).

**Legislative Update:** As of this newsletter, the legislature did not have the first "cross-over" of legislative bills. When the cross-over is completed, we will be able to understand which direction this legislative session will be going with regards to Medicare-Medicaid, Prescription Drugs, Long Term Care, the Employee's Retirement System (ERS), and the Employer-Union Health Benefit Trust Fund (EUTF). More information will be available in the next newsletter.

## Chief Fire Officer Designation

Battalion Chief Manuel P. Neves

Many other professional groups have developed recognition and certification programs to establish industry-wide benchmarks for measuring job performance. Now, as the fire service and government in general are being closely scrutinized, it is critical that a well-defined measurement tool evaluate the effectiveness of all personnel in the fire and emergency services. Today, throughout the nation, we qualify all other levels of fire service personnel except the top leaders.

In 2002, the first Chief Officer Designation (CFOD) was awarded through the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI). Worldwide, 325 individuals have attained the CFOD including two from Hawaii: Chief Leonardi in 2002 and myself in August 2003. With the introduction of the CFOD, a mechanism is now available to qualify and evaluate leaders in the fire and emergency services.

Achieving a passing score to receive the professional designation requires that the individual assemble a personal and professional portfolio illustrating the degree of attainment in each of the seven measured

components: Experience, Education, Professional Development, Professional Contributions, Association Membership, Community Involvement, and Technical Competencies. Each component is graded separately and a candidate must score a minimum number in each.

Some of the benefits of this professional designation program include:

- Raising the level of professionalism of the chief fire officers.
- Serving as a career path for new or prospective chief officers.
- Demonstrating the superior characteristics possessed by those who are designated.
- Establishing minimum competencies for personnel serving in senior fire officer positions.
- Developing an understanding of the need for continuing education, training, and skill proficiency.

As we move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the public sees an ever-increasing need for our services. Additionally, the cost of training

and the complexity of equipping emergency responders are increasing. Communities expect the best return on their investment. This nationally accepted set of criteria by which a community can judge the quality of the leadership in their fire service organization has come at the right time for the right reasons.



BC Manny Neves receiving his CFOD award from Fire Chief Atilio Leonardi.



# HFD 87TH RECRUIT CLASS



**The 87th Recruit Class,  
Training Bureau Battalion  
Chief Lionel Camara Jr., and  
the dedicated staff of  
Recruit Training Officers.**

## **HFD'S FIRST IFSAC-CERTIFIED FIRE FIGHTERS**

The Honolulu Fire Department's 87th Recruit Class started training on October 20, 2003, with 25 HFD recruits and 3 State Airport Crash recruits. Their 23 weeks of instruction and training included an Emergency Medical Technician B (EMT-B) internship program with the City and County Emergency Medical Services, which required them to ride along in ambulances as well as train in hospital emergency rooms. They also received training in non-fire fighting disciplines such as water safety, driver training, fire prevention practices, and hazmat. Their final phase of training focused on their fire fighting skills. During this phase, the recruits participated in numerous live-burn training sessions at the Hickam AFB Flashover Module, Schofield Training Building, Chevron in Kalaeloa for flammable liquids, State Crash Airports for flammable materials (night drill), and automobile fires using the Department's mock-up burn prop at the Training Center.

The 87th Recruit class will also be the first class in HFD history to go through the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) certification program. IFSAC is an organization that "accredits" international, national, and regional fire service certification programs with special emphasis on examination procedures. Upon completion of knowledge-based testing and skill-performance evaluations, this class of recruits will be "certified" as Fire Fighter 1s. This will also allow the HFD to pursue its vision of developing certification criteria for other ranks in the Department.

The graduation banquet and awards ceremony was held at the Pacific Beach Hotel on March 29, 2004, and the new recruits joined the suppression force beginning March 31, 2004. A big mahalo to the Recruit Training Officers (RTO) Captains Stacy Higa (Lead RTO), Eric Scharff, Guy Katayama, Carl Matsuura, and Jay Kemmler. They were also assisted by suppression Captains Earle Kealoha, Robert Moss, and Robert Methered during the fire fighting phase. The HFD welcomes the following members of the 87th recruit class:

Daryl Y. Asato  
Eric Basta  
Brandon C. Facchini  
Keola K. Ford  
Douglas D. Hu  
Ken H. Ige  
Michael E. Kelly

Paul A. Kim  
Russell L. Marchan  
Chad K. Nakagawa  
Wesley M. K. Pratt  
James P. Reis  
Roland L. Shelton  
Christopher T. Shim

Glen K. Skeen  
Kelly M. Smith  
Derek L. S. Takita  
Adam K. Treinen-Aea  
Bruce G. Wilkinson  
Jesse Wilson  
Russell C. Youth



## ANNIVERSARIES

### JANUARY TO MARCH 2004

### CONGRATULATIONS!



#### 30 YEARS

Adam H. Enos Jr.  
Dennis H. Yamada

#### 25 YEARS

Raymond S. Anami  
Edward D. Bruffey  
Alan D. Calhoun  
David C. Friedemann  
Peter H. Gaskell  
Jack W. Lauer  
Manuel P. Neves  
Paul T. Nishihara  
Paul D. Noyes  
Clyde S. Sasaki  
Wesley K. Taniyama  
John A. Young

#### 20 YEARS

Gerald K. Tanaka

#### 10 YEARS

Mark D. Adams  
Mark K. Adams  
Noel A. L. Akiona  
Brian K. Barney  
Stanley K. Carreira  
Charles W. M. Griep  
Darrell D. Hee  
Corey A. Lau  
Andrea S. C. Lee  
Randall N. Lindsey  
Lee K. Marquez  
Tracy A. Masuda  
Brett R. Mau  
Paul M. Miguel  
Michael I. Miyamoto  
Greg S. Miyashiro  
Frank D. Motas  
Gerald A. Pacheco  
Alan J. K. Park  
Scot K. Seguirant  
Robin C. Silva  
David L. Taratko  
Trevor B. Wilson  
Jarín K. Wong

#### 5 YEARS

Christopher K. Akiona  
Stanford J. Aquino Jr.  
Cris C. Bartolome  
Todd B. Cabral  
Bradley A. Chong  
Joseph C. Condlin  
Nicholas C. Danielson  
Alan A. Hackbarth  
William M. Harris  
Dave A. Higa  
Keahi J. Ho  
Alexander Y. Ibi  
Jonathan J. Kam  
Ocean P. Kaowili  
William M. Kapua Jr.  
Joseph B. Lapinad  
Kaha'i P. Logan  
Kirk A. Maluo  
Derek L. Maurer  
Jesse K. Meyers  
Jonathan K. Miwa  
Steven Newton  
Jay K. Nourrie  
Kaikane S. Parker  
Jay K. Peloso  
Cody E. Racoma  
Blake A. K. Takahashi  
Brent I. Takemoto  
Leighson Y. Tanaka  
Aina K. Watson  
Stewart N. Williams Jr.  
Kalu A. Wolfe  
Shaun M. Wray  
Keola T. A. Young



## CIVILIAN CORNER

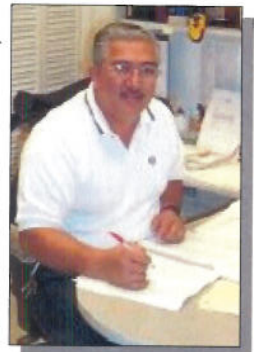
### CHARLIE BRIGHT

FIRE EQUIPMENT SUPERINTENDENT

Charlie Bright, Fire Equipment Superintendent, has had a long career with the City and County of Honolulu. Originally hired in 1974 by the Honolulu Police Department's Mechanic's Shop, he moved over to the HFD in 1976; 28 years ago.

Charlie is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the maintenance, repairs, and testing of all fire fighting apparatuses, auxiliary vehicles, rescue boats, the 110' Fireboat, and fire fighting equipment. He credits all the workers at the Fire Maintenance Shop for the success of his section and says he loves them all dearly and will support each and every one of them. He appreciates all who give their best effort and commitment to doing well and detests those who are not working in the best interest of the Department and the community as a whole.

When he's not busy with his wife, Eileen, and their four children, Anne Marie, Charlie Boy, Nancy, and Justin, Charlie enjoys golfing, flying private planes, and traveling.



## PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following personnel were promoted during the 3rd quarter.

#### FIRE CAPTAIN

##### **January 12, 2004**

Ronald K. Hashimoto

##### **March 22, 23, 24, 2004**

Christopher J. Ah Mook Sang  
William H. Beimes  
Russell Dang  
David A. Dela Cruz  
Gary T. Harbottle  
David W. Kahanu Jr.  
Gilbert Medeiros Jr.  
Clint H. I. Nuuanu  
John S. Pacheco Jr.  
Robert F. Reynolds  
Kenneth K. Yonemura  
Ryan K. Young

#### FIRE FIGHTER II

##### **February 12, 13, 14, 2004**

Mark D. Adams  
Cornelius J. Carmody II  
Scot M. Demotta  
Thomas M. Ettinger  
Ryan J. Fernandez  
Sheldon K. Hao  
Jay B. Ishihara  
Jason N. Katada  
Joseph T. Kostih  
Brendan M. O'Connor  
Jon T. Omori  
Scott D. O. Oshiro  
Simeon K. Pihana  
Jason J. Samala  
Elden M. Tanaka  
Michael M. Waggoner

